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## Gov't checks 'rolling store' hoarding, avoids traders

**By Gil C. Cebaleros Jr.**  
ARE SHAMING CHAINS and co-ops more likely to hoard than traders in handling subsidized instant noodles and rice in poor communities?

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## Sharon fights for life after massive brain hemorrhage

**JERUSALEM**—Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was fighting for his life on Thursday after suffering a massive brain hemorrhage, doctors here said.

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# 'FVR only seeks dialogue'

Palace also says Ramos reveals 'unflattering details' in Drilon-Sotto meet



THE LAST VISIT of Cecilia Muñoz-Palma to the Supreme Court where she was in 1st woman justice position—a fitting finale to a trailblazing legal career of many years—turns into a celebration of her private character and public virtues. Chief Justice Pangelinan led legal luminaries and court employees heap tribute on the lady, once dubbed "the only justice with balls" during the Marcos years. Inset: Ramos in set for Jan. 18 at the Lyda Ballesteros in Manila after the 1 p.m. Mass at Queen City.

**By Christine G. Avendaño and Cynthia D. Balana**

FORMER PRESIDENT FIDEL Ramos is seeking a dialogue with opponents of President Macapagal-Arroyo—not an alliance with them—in a bid to heal political divisions, his spokesperson said yesterday.

Makabulos also said that Ramos had expressed "unpersonal support" to the Arroyo and that he had dropped demands that she state publicly her opposition to proposals for the scrapping of the 2007 elections.

Press Secretary Ignacio Reyes said Ramos disclosed to ranking Cabinet officials "unflattering details of his recent meeting with Sen. and President Franklin D. Iñigo and former Sen. Vicente Sotto III."

Ramos said Ramos himself had assumed his executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita and Presidential Political Adviser Gabriel Chelico on rare equanimity occasions of his continued backing of the Arroyo administration.

"(Ramos) words were very revealing, very unpersonal as far as his support for the administration," Reyes said yesterday.

Dr. Miley Ramos' media adviser, said the meeting with Drilon and Sotto was an initiative by her to promote political stability and had nothing to do with a proposed alliance of former Presidents.

"Why should FVR (Ramos) make any move to form an alliance with the opposition... when they themselves are far from being a united front," Miley said.

Ramos failed to attend after seeing him at the neurological clinic for the late late. Robert

PHOTO: J. A.

## Church goes on TV with own station

**By Christian V. Espinosa**

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH INDEPENDENTLY has launched its own television station called "TV Maria" amid aggressive proselytizing by other Philippine-based Christian sects on television.

It joins the Iglesia at Cristo (IstC) and Gens TV, Ang Dating Ina (ADIna) and Jesus Is Lord (JIL) in using television to reach out to members and possible converts.

The Archdiocese of Manila, headed by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), quietly launched TV Maria on New Year's Day on Channel 21, said Biser Hernandez, CBCP secretary general.

Channel 21 is supported by Dream Satellite TV of Southwestern America "Theater" Company.

TV Maria, the first Catholic channel emanating from Manila, was named to honor the role of Mary as the one who points the way toward Jesus.

The church in the new channel, now said 24 hours daily, are all about Catholic devotion, family enrichment and the youth.

The CBCP has been giving high media ratings mainly on political issues, particularly the scandalous case of President Macapagal-Arroyo, according to Cornejo.



EMOTIONALLY CHARGED FUNERAL of former Sen. Robert Barrios at the Manila Memorial Park. A gun salute from his former police colleagues, the release of 61 doves and butterflies and a funeral cortege bearing his remains drove by a white horse for that last, slow, careful march to the last place. Story on Page A1.

## Cops free 5 of 11 men held in judge's murder

**By Marlon Ramos**  
PDI Staff Writer Jason Barrios and Liza A. del Puerto in Manila

**MANILA, GOV.—FIVE MEN** ARRESTED for their supposed involvement in the killing of Pwery City Judge Horacio Guevara were released Wednesday night, police said yesterday.

Police also stated that a ranking police officer implicated in the killing was not yet on the hook. But they kept reporters guessing on the outcome, it says. Against Senior Supt. Manuel Barrios.

Judge Rodolfo Armenta, Guevara police intelligence chief, said no evidence was found to link the five suspects to the Dec. 31 ambush-die.

now charged with murder, were released up by police authorities in separate raids on Monday and Tuesday on houses in Green Valley and Quezonville Subdivision in Barangay Molina, Barrio, Cavite.

Guevara's residence is in the same housing.

At a press conference in Manila, police did not have much to say about the progress of the case.

But they said the alleged trigger man, Rodolfo Carr, was also involved in the killing of Supreme national Uleba Tumbao in Las Pilas City in November 2005.

Police likewise kept their lips sealed on the possible motive and circumstances of the daring nighttime murder.

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## Erap welcomes unity with Ramos, Aquino

**By Nelson F. Flores, Michael Lim-Uson and Philip C. Tabares**

EX-PRESIDENT JOSEPH ESTRADA yesterday welcomed a move to form an alliance of former Chief Executive Estrada, Corason Aquino and Fidel Ramos—against President Macapagal-Arroyo, but an administration ally said the proposal was an "impossible dream."

In a statement to the business, Estrada said "suggestions from the majority of our impoverished people for the three former Presidents to join hands in that way to alleviate the plight of our people is not only a welcome move but a step in the right direction."

"For five years, the Filipino people have suffered and it is high time that we get together for the good of this country," he added.

Estrada's reaction followed reports regarding his former agencies reform secretary Horacio Munoz, as saying that the United Progressive Party would form an alliance of the three former Presidents to compel the Arroyo to step down.

Munoz said the proposal was made during a meeting of the UNPO, an umbrella group of various opposition parties, in mid-December and could happen at Batavia and Aquino paid tribute to a visit at his residence in Tungkang.

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## Poor girl finds, returns P300,000 that biker lost

**By Di Rap**

THE QUESTION ARISES: WOULD OTHERS have done the same?

Cristina Bueyung, 12, lives in a cramped house with her parents and seven siblings. The north-crater goes to a public school with only P10 in her pocket, and helps sell soda water to her friends.

Her mother Leonardo is the breadwinner of the household, but is barely able to make ends meet.

When Cristine picked up "at least P300,000" on Wednesday night, she could hardly believe it.

**CASH IN HAND:** There's a priceless lesson to be learned from Cristina Bueyung, 12, Grade 6 student at the Tomas Morato Elementary School in Quezon City, whose honesty is as rare as a congressman not beholden to the Palace. Her mother Ailing Nera is right proud of her.



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## WHAT'S INSIDE



# Teetering Tigers fight for survival vs Beermen

THE SITUATION IS DO-OR-DIE for Coca-Cola.

The last Miguel Tejada, though, would rather ignore the heavy of a twice-to-beat edge and has the back to the wall. Tigers head on to their second playoff in the San Miguel Coffee-Pink Flamingo Inter-League tonight at the Coca-Cola Arena.

As ninth and last place in the classification round, the Tigers have no other resource but to battle the eighth-ranked Beermen twice to advance to a best-of-three deal with the Acelis Express in the wild card phase.

"We'd forgotten about Christmas and worked hard," said Coca-Cola coach Rudy Perez. "We still have a chance and we're going off and for it."

A defeat would send Coca-Cola to the cellar for the second straight conference, a franchise worst after Tigers head coach Glen Hayes took over the second team early last year.

This does't mean a finish above the bottom line

**WIND TIGER**  
 (Inter-League)  
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one as it doesn't have resources.

Remember for the Beermen is Brian Johnson, who was courted from the Tigers last. Johnson took credit for San Miguel's first game winning streak late in the classification round.

Chris Daniels, Emory Williams, Douglas Hernandez, Ne. Belasco, Gordon Pella and Danny Wright are making a name only in the Finals after the Beermen topped the 2007-2008 Pinta Conference.

The road, however, will be long and knotty as Johnson and the Beermen—they stand to win 14 games from the playoffs to the best-of-seven championship to keep the crown.

The defending champion team only six of their 18 games in the classification phase after losing

the conference in 1-4. Most of the Beermen's losses were inflicted by five games on loss.

"I only had been lucky and lost two out of three right in home, we would have been in the top four," said Daniels. "Now, we're just making the same out of what we learn. It's a long shot, but my players will have pride in themselves."

The Tigers suggested one of the classification round with three straight setbacks, the last against the first-half Beermen and Glen Thomas.

Thomas won \$100,000 and scored a one-game suspension for coming on only one on Daniels' head that took a last seven strikes to him.

Now the crown is on Ali Park, Raul Ruelas, John Arger, Herb Jaram, Victor Daniels Hernandez and Thomas who all need to be in their best to keep the Beermen at bay and the wild card side within reach.

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# PNP says suspect involved in other high-profile crimes

By Marlon Reyes  
PDP Southern Luzon Office

MRS. CAREY—THE WAF POLICE say 4. Rabioli-Carey is a potential suspect.

Carey, the most suspected of killing, says City Judge J. Carlos Guevara, was involved in high-profile crimes in Cebu, Iloilo, and La Paz City in the past, including the killing of a police officer and a police officer's wife.

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Business study was the motive in the killing, Reyes said. He said police had information that Carey had been hired by a group of businessmen to kill a police officer. Carey was arrested in the city of Iloilo, where he was arrested. He was arrested in the city of Iloilo, where he was arrested. He was arrested in the city of Iloilo, where he was arrested.



MILITARY presentation at Camp Crame of six suspects in the murder of PNP City Judge J. Carlos Guevara. The suspects stand behind them: left PNP Chief Rabioli-Carey, Interior Secretary Rabioli-Carey and MIL officer in charge Rabioli-Carey.

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# JUSTICE IS A LADY

A TRIBUTE TO JUSTICE CECILIA MUÑOZ-PALMA FROM PRESIDENT JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA

Justice Muñoz-Palma, I mourn your death.

I have lost a respected friend and the country has lost a pillar of democracy and the rule of law.

Appropriately, you were our first woman Supreme Court Justice and the shining light of the justice to craft the 1987 constitution.

I take quiet pride in having drawn you from your treasured privacy to lead the PCSO to a new plane of credibility.

I will ever cherish your few words on the events of 2001 when you challenged the opinion of the Supreme Court, as you mourned together with "The 1987 Constitution suffered... when the ongoing impeachment of President Joseph Estrada was unceremoniously disrupted and discontinued and the issues on hand were brought to the parliament of the streets. The Rule of Law was set aside and the Rule of Force prevailed."

Justice Muñoz-Palma, as I grieve, I am reminded of a song of decades past which you yourself may remember:

"JUSTICE IS A LADY. JUSTICE, IF YOU'RE STILL THERE, I WILL HAVE MY FAIR SHARE."



MRS. JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA

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# No Pacquiao lapses this time, says Roach Hernandez



MANNY Pacquiao wants out at the Wild Card fight.

HERNANDEZ: ROACH PACQUIAO HAS ONE word for himself: "He is a tremendous fighter" while sparring against Manny Pacquiao with lights on the Wild Card fight, Hernandez said.

Pacquiao, who continues his bid to win the title, has 21 wins and one draw. Hernandez, who has 21 wins and one draw, said he is a tremendous fighter. Hernandez said he is a tremendous fighter. Hernandez said he is a tremendous fighter.

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## PSA jockey of the year

ROACH: HERNANDEZ WON THE PSA (Philippine Sports Association) Jockey of the Year award, beating 20 other jockeys in a close race for the prestigious honor.

Hernandez, 35, won the award for the first time in 1996. He was also named Jockey of the Year in 1996. He was also named Jockey of the Year in 1996.

# Bata Reyes tops money list; 3 more in Top 10

PHILIPPINE TENNIS ASSOCIATION CONTINUES TO release the money list for the year. The list shows the earnings of the top 10 players in the world. Bata Reyes is the top player, followed by three other players.

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TOP-10 POOL TOTEM POOL: Bata Reyes.

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# Jennifer passes up World Cup stint



JENNIFER WILLIAMS

By Jang Arcana

JENNIFER WILLIAMS IS PASSING UP the chance to represent the country in the London World Cup of Golf.

The original Philippine team was made up of... Jennifer Williams is passing up the chance to represent the country in the London World Cup of Golf.

## GAB strips Catubay of flyweight crown

MANILA: MANILA'S GABRIEL SANTIAGO has lost his GAB flyweight crown. The title fight was held in Manila, Philippines.

## Sagas and sages



MANHOLD SIGAL-CARINO, Philsoc's Vice President.

By Perry D. Dele

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# The World

## Russia, Ukraine clinch deal in gas row

Editor Lawrence B. Goss

**BRUSSELS**—THE EUROPEAN UNION VOICED ITS relief on Wednesday after Russia and Ukraine reached a deal to end their natural gas price war but warned that lessons had to be drawn from the crisis.

"We are happy that both sides are satisfied with the deal," EU Energy Commissioner Andruszejewski said before an emergency meeting of gas experts on Jan. 7. He said the deal was "a relief" but he added reports "it is clear Europe needs a diverse and more effective and coherent policy on security of energy supply."

Russia's state-owned energy giant Gazprom reached an agreement with Ukraine on Jan. 7 that the price for gas would be charged for next year, apparently ending a crisis that has hit supplies in western Europe.

Under a four-year agreement effective from Jan. 1, Ukraine will pay gas at a rate of \$95 per 1,000 cubic meters (about \$1.75 per 1,000 cubic feet) from a Russian-Ukrainian joint venture, officials said.

The EU imports more than 40 percent of its natural gas, and around half of that comes from Russia. Experts predict that the Ukraine's dependency on outside energy sources could reach 70 percent by 2010.

However, the deal's energy policy is still in its infancy, says a Russian Energy Ministry spokesman, whose country has been the EU's leading provider for its member states. It, also said that Russia had to be "satisfied."

"The energy is not entirely free," he said. "We have to draw our own conclusions from this and learn how we should deal with these sorts of things in the future," he said in person after the talks between partners.

"We've got a responsibility of supply and security," he said.

He also added: "We have to spread more energy on the way, getting more and more dependent, and we should be looking at

the energy sources we have here in the European Union."

German Economy Minister Michael Eichel, whose country is by the biggest European importer of Russian gas, said he hoped the "negotiable" row had been "settled once and for all."

Italian Foreign Minister Romano Prodi also welcomed the deal and the "return of responsibility to the market."

Prodi, who had called without success on the EU to mediate in the dispute, said he hoped the agreement would "contribute to a decision regarding the stability of the European energy market."

He also said that Russia would remain a major supplier of gas to the EU but that the dispute had highlighted the supply problems

in Europe.

"Russia gas will remain one of the building blocks of European gas supply, to be the backbone for European gas supply," he said.

But he also said that supply security required an issue in three days and months.

The meeting of gas experts called a few days before Gazprom pulled out of the gas taps to the west after it refused to accept an EU deadline that bid to be paid, apparently to give it less time with the European market.

But as supplies were cut on Tuesday, support for the EU's decision to demand that Russia pay for its gas was growing. It was also growing in the EU's member states, and it was also growing in the EU's member states, and it was also growing in the EU's member states.

and Ukraine's Ministry had been to take part in the meeting in Brussels but finally did not appear.

He also said that the crisis would be the EU's energy policy, which is currently the subject of a debate in the EU's 25 member states.

"We have had a decade of liberalization, of improving competition and now we are still from more competition and a new deal on the issue of the kind of energy we want," he said.

The country's foreign minister, Vladimir Litvinenko, said it was the immediate interest of all EU member states to reach a common position and to promote long-term security in energy policy. **AP**

## India takes census of threatened tigers

**BOMBAY**—NOMAD PHOTOGRAPHERS and high-tech cameras, hundreds of wildlife experts teamed up to count a rare species in India's east on Thursday as part of the world's largest census of the endangered tiger.

Marked by reports of large-scale poaching in India's tiger habitats, about 200 staff used spotlights or walked through muddy roads and scrubland looking for tigers, leopards, or panthers, in West Bengal's Sunderbans, the world's largest natural tiger habitat.

"The census is the world's biggest and the most critical to date," Pradyumn Singh, the director of the Sunderbans Tiger Reserve, said. The Sunderbans, a 1,000 sq km (390 sq mi) tiger reserve, is the world's largest tiger reserve.

Conservationists, who have been highly critical of India's efforts to protect the tiger, have also expressed concern over the accuracy of the reported figures, saying the method has not been used in the tiger reserve in the country's natural parks.

In March, the Indian government was criticized after reports said the tiger population of up to 15 animals in the Sunderbans tiger reserve, one of the country's most protected reserves, had been killed by poachers and that tigers were across the country had fallen sharply.

In response, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said a special task force to support tiger conservation in the tiger reserve.

The first time, the latest tiger census will use specially designed computer programs, camera traps and radio-collared tigers to monitor tiger movements by satellite to avoid any disturbance in recording tiger.

The last census in 2001 recorded there were between 200 and 250 tigers in the Indian part of the Sunderbans, home also to hundreds of tigers and leopards and rare river dolphins. **Reuters**



**Largest cats**

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## BIRD FLU OUTSIDE S.E. ASIA

### Turkish teenager dies after brood succumbs

**ANKARA, TURKEY**—A 16-YEAR-OLD Turkish teenager who tested positive for bird flu died early Thursday after the world's first human case of the disease.

Before the flight died in a hospital in the capital city of Ankara, the 16-year-old brother, Mehmet Ali Kocak, died.

Family members have said the boy died of bird flu, if they are confirmed as being true, they would be the first human case of the disease.

After the boy died, the doctor who was treating the siblings, said the girl died at 6:30 a.m. on Thursday morning, Ankara reported.

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The teenage children helped their parents on a small farm in the western town of Izmir, and were in close contact with sick birds.

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## Dubai architect becomes ruler after emir dies

**ABU DHABI**—THE MAN WHO TRANSFORMED Dubai from a dusty Gulf city to a glittering metropolis took over as ruler of the emirate on Thursday, succeeding the late ruler Sheikh Mubarak bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

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# Contradictory interests and objectives

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# Town tells 350 Clark firms: Pay taxes

By Jon-Paul  
 PNP Chief of Local Units

**MADALAJAR, PAMPANGA**—IN AN UNEXPECTED turn of events, the local government here has asked some 350 business locations inside the Clark Special Economic Zone to pay their business permits and local taxes beginning Jan. 1 this year.

They cited as legal basis of the move the Supreme Court's decision in March last year that nullified the tax immunity of business locations inside the economic zone.

This move's move came as a surprise to officials of the Clark Development Corp. (CDC) and members of the Clark Investors and Traders Association who had been keeping their hopes high for the immediate scrapping of tax bills in the fringe of Special Economic Zone (SEZ) tax incentives that would grant tax amnesty and duty-free privileges to business enterprises in Clark and other economic zones.

In a letter to the CDC, Mayor Martin Velasco and municipal treasurer Angelito Palico and personnel in the high court's resolution, the local government would start collecting the region's permit, building permits, and business taxes from Clark locations.

Months and the municipal government has been right in collecting taxes and fees on more than 90 percent of the special economic zone's activities in the town. On Dec. 22, 2005, the Supreme Court nullified the second session of Section 2 of Presidential Proclamation 2201 signed President Fidel V. Ramos that granted

tax incentives to business locations in Clark, in Camp John Hay in Baguio City and in Pampanga in La Union.

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## DA chief asks farmers to follow weather



**TUGUEGARAO CITY**—Agriculture Department Secretary Genaro Alonzo has urged Cagayan farmers to follow planting cycles to avoid loss or when floods strike their farms.

"The problem with local farmers is that they plant anytime (but) during the weather peak, hence flood always come before their crops are harvested," Alonzo said in a sign-off letter to the Cagayan Valley during a joint visit to the region.

Reports from the DA said prevailing floods have destroyed P1.3-billion worth of rice and corn in Cagayan Valley and damaged more than 41 million hectares of land.

Pangasinan and Ilocos Norte with the release of P4 million to rehabilitate farms and provide post-harvest facilities to farmers.

He also urged agriculture officials to teach farmers to follow planting cycles, study the local climate and prepare a weather calendar to monitor the best time to plant and harvest crops.

The flood floods were caused by continuous rain that poured down in Cagayan and Ilocos. The water released in the village reservoir in Ilocos was also blamed for the floods.

Pangasinan also promised to provide seed and fertilizer to farmers in the region with rice drying facilities to improve the quality of their harvest.

He said that lack of technology soon produced in Cagayan a good only for the mass harvest of poultry and swine hogs.

In Cagayan, Ilocos, Pangasinan urged farmers to adopt scientific and modern methods of agricultural farming and to use the best rice to harvest or organic fertilizer.

He also asked local officials to push through with the rice-drying processing plant, which will be set up in Bantay, Iligan City, in Lanao.

"The best thing to do is to have more added value to transporting the rice in trucks instead of using more trucks," he said.

He also initially released P10 million worth of rice seeds to farmers in Ilocos and Cagayan following a series of floods that swept the two provinces last month.

In addition, with Cagayan Valley officials and lawmakers, Pangasinan will be released P12 million for Ilocos through the regional agriculture office in Cagayan Valley. — *Manila Bulletin* and *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, PNA Southern Luzon Bureau

## PNP tagged top rights violator

**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—THE COMMISSION on Human Rights (CHR) in Central Mindanao and the Philippine National Police (PNP) in the region faced the most complaints for human rights violations in 2005.

Ateneo University, of the region (CHR), said responses that the PNP was based on its 18th January to Sept. 3 last year.

University and the CHR also showed that most of the 400 total human rights claims occurred in the CHR regional office last year were attributed to police authorities.

The second top human rights violators were military officials.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) came in fourth, while the New People's Army (NPA) came in fifth.

University said they were not surprised by the data because the police have always been the top human rights violators in the region, at least based on the number of complaints against them.

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# RP warned of more floods, disasters due to logging

**LEGASPI CITY**—AN OFFICIAL OF the government, in a formal level, announced yesterday, instead that the directly consequences of abnormal weather patterns associated with climate change and continued destruction logging would continue to wreak havoc in the country unless country stops even faster by the government.

## More devastation

"And two more extreme devastation results when such abnormal weather events continue with the effects of destruction logging," he said.

Qing weather, he said, an average of 200 times an hour every year due to the 17 to 22 typhoons that pass through the country annually.

"This figure more than doubled in the November-December 2004 floods and landslides," he said.

He added that 19 more this number died in the Ormoc tragedy, which also occurred in the month

of November.

These conflicts and other policies, such as damage to property and infrastructure, will increase as the frequency and strength of typhoons to rise, he said.

Ministry Boon, incident in Ormoc, Mindoro, Isabela, Davao, Quezon, Basil and Cebu last resulted killed several persons killed and destroyed millions of pesos worth of property.

## Delegation

The floods, which occurred at the same time as a typhoon, also did at least tens of thousands of hectares.

Hernandez noted that the Philippines had already experienced the impact of this deadly combination during typhoons in the past, the worst being the 1971 and the 1991 typhoons in the Philippines and the 1991 typhoons in the Philippines.

"These disasters will continue to occur unless we continue to mitigate climate change and stop logging our environment," he said.

According to the Commission on Climate Change, the Philippines is a

highly vulnerable country to climate change, which is a threat to the country's economic and social development.

Hernandez said that the government could continue to suffer as the effects of climate change, if it did not take action to reduce the damage to the environment.

Qing the increasing impact of extreme precipitation in the future, he urged the government to carry out stronger measures to protect its environment and stop destruction logging.

## Urgent steps

He also urged the government to continue to protect the country's environment, to reduce the damage caused by logging, and to create a climate shift to a more sustainable future.

"Our government must realize that the country is not prepared to cope with the impact of climate change and take preventive action against future environmental disasters," he said.



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## Air Force One stories

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**COCKTAILS**

*Victor C. Aguilar*



**International Airport in Peshawar:** the civil aviation Air Force One complex had originally been designed as a shopping mall for the business area crisscrossed with the lanes of the 1980s economic boom.

[Laughs] It's not all the soap. In addition, All About This has great

and a team not only among the local patrons but even in business circles worldwide.

The ground floor was built

Following its silver moon, the spa is now named, in a nod to its water source, *Flora 100*. In its Mandarin acronymic name,

The private rooms, which come to five and feature a canopy, even sport online Internet and flat-screen TVs.

### Money go-round

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### Devil in WTO detail

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should be made depending on the case being investigated.

### Conclusion

The WHO watch begins. Now

the race, it will hopefully be done with meaningful private sector participation, which both Secretary Pardo and Bushman encouraged the

ing the recent WTO conference. With this combination, it is hoped that more of the good than the devil will come out of the WTO, even if it is a

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and definitions can go as long as the number of synonyms the word has. California is more than a state; more than something left local and experienced. Today it is really about the people who come and live in the California. It is the everyday life that comes within the diversity of every man and woman or family who lose the privilege through the day and involvement - it is the lifestyle - the experience, the conduct and co-existence. All these aspects of the word California.

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## Lucrative target markets for 2006

By Karen V. De Asa  
Contributor

RATHER THAN complain about a sluggish consumer performance and economic downturns, the more discerning manufacturers and retailers are focusing on the consumer. With their marketing-oriented approach, these manufacturers and retailers don't allow income to be the factor that limits the brand and their sales volume in the market of the needed consumers.

Instead, these retailers and manufacturers turn their sights on shopping trends by learning and understanding the consumer's need and buying habits to address them.

Basic to understanding the market is to know who and which customer to focus on.

Concentrating on a primary market provides the manufacturer and retailer the means to optimize the resources and understand the customer's deepest interests, individual expectations.

Here are some of the likely target markets for 2006:

### The independent women

The more generations have entered the market, the more they have played a significant role in the economy. As an independent woman, she is not only a breadwinner but also a consumer. She is looking for products that are easy to use, that are affordable, and that are convenient. She is looking for products that are easy to use, that are affordable, and that are convenient.

### Teens and tweens

Teens, 12 to 19 years old and tweens, 8 to 12 years old are the two segments of the market that are the most influential in the market.

They exert a strong influence on their parents' purchases, either for themselves, for their parents or for the rest of the family.

### Overseas Filipino workers

Overseas, the growing number of OFWs has led to a huge demand for their products and services.

### Rugby or soccer

Marriage rates a factor in the market for rugby or soccer.

Gender-specific products, books, and services are a factor in the market for rugby or soccer.

They are high-tech and modern, and they are looking for products and services that are high-tech and modern.

### Hobo and solo

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## DA prepares lifestyle check on employees

By Christine A. Gaylasan

TO TIMOTHY GRANT AND CORRUPTION IN THE Department of Agriculture, Secretary Ismael Pangasinan has created an internal team to conduct a lifestyle check on its staff and employees.

"The delivery of services to the people had been hampered by corruption in the agency," Pangasinan said. "By instituting reforms in DA, corruption opportunities or culture of bribery may be reduced or eradicated."

Pangasinan admitted that his was a very sensitive operation, that his predecessors thought "he was not."

He said that this unit will investigate charges of unexplained wealth and investigations in the DA will submit to findings to the Office of the Secretary and the Office of the Undersecretary, for their evaluation and verification by the end of the month, Pangasinan said.

Pangasinan said he would accept recommendations and suggestions on how to go about the program from all employees to improve the DA's operations.

He added that an internal audit system would also be put in place to ensure the agency's financial records are "clean" projects.

"This has to be done to change the view of the public of the agency and its high time that government service be made responsive to the public," he added.

He stressed that this effort was an offshoot of the investigation into P728-million in agricultural lands that were allegedly owned by former agriculture official and his business partner Undersecretary Jacobo Belandier.

Pangasinan added that the DA was also looking into reducing the number of its employees.

The DA has at least 1,200 officials and employees in the central and regional offices who receive P1.6 billion in salaries from the DAFA. The budget excludes more than P1 billion in additional salaries for officials and employees deployed in DAFA-assisted agencies.

"We want to remove redundant personnel," Pangasinan said.

He said DAFA central office in Quezon City was overwhelmed and to view the other agencies, including the National Food Authority and the Philippine Coconut Authority.

## DMCI to invest in coal-fired plants

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

CONSTRUCTION GIANT DMCI HOLDINGS Inc. is set to invest some \$400 million in coal-fired power plants over the next five years.

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## Lower

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ALTHOUGH 2005 inflation was slower than expected, analysts said there were a lot of risks facing the country in 2006 that could push up the growth to consumer prices.

Under the 2004 Medium-term Philippine Development Plan, inflation for 2006 and 2007 was pegged at between 4 and 5 percent.

But, according to the Philippine Statistical Service, inflation for 2005 would likely be the 6 percent mark.

"We saw that the drop in crude prices was only temporary, as it is 6 percent inflation for this year is expected," he said in an interview.

Rising figures do not mean the end of the National Economic Development Authority's forecast of 4 to 5.5 percent for this year.

The agency said the risks of lingering weather problems, such as the recent heavy rains in the United States, that could hamper supply, as well as the continued economic growth of China expected to further increase demand for oil.

Ris, the scheduled increase in the value-added tax on electricity, from 13 to 15 percent, is seen to have a slight impact on consumer prices, he said.

With the inflationary pressures seen for this year, Sanchez said, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas would be expected to tighten its monetary policy.

The BSP might raise its key policy rate over the quarter by 25 basis points, he added.

The central bank's overnight borrowing rate stands at 7.50 percent and the overnight lending rate stands at 7.75 percent. BSP is expected to raise it from AFP.

## Peso pushes . . .

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

AS INFLATIONARY effects, possible exchange rate movements due to excess liquidity and growing interest rate differentials, as well as adverse effects on inflation expectations.

The BSP said that the inflation figure for December, as well as for the whole of 2005, showed that the ongoing pressure on consumer prices continued to be largely tied to energy-related items such as fuel, transport and communication costs, and selected food items.

"On the other hand, demand-based pressure on prices remains subdued, as suggested by continued slowdown in core inflation to 5.4 percent in December," he said.

In 2006, Sanchez said average inflation was still expected to exceed the government inflation target of 4 to 5 percent.

"Inflation is seen to rise slightly in early 2006 as a result of the BSP's (rather modest) rate adjustment," the BSP governor said. "But the strengthening of the peso and the easing of world prices from their peak in 2005 should help moderate the impact of the BSP."

The peso, which appreciated by about 5 percent against the US dollar in 2005, has continued to appreciate this year and is seen by currency traders as heading toward the 31.32 level.

Aside from the strong inflows from overseas Filipinos working during the holidays, the peso has been lifted by favorable market sentiment, to news, fueled by a rate outlook on the government's fiscal position this year.





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